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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 G06F9/50 G06F9/48

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	NARLIKAR G J ET AL: "SPACE-EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF NESTED PARALLELISM" ACM SIGPLAN NOTICES, ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY, NEW YORK, US, vol. 32, no. 7, 1 July 1997 (1997-07-01), pages 25-36, XP000701966 ISSN: 0362-1340 First full paragraph of page 26, left-hand column Section 2 "Model of Parallelism" and first paragraph of section 3 on page 27 Paragraph bridging pages 27-28	1,3,4, 14-20
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1. claims: 1-6, 14-20

Methods and computer program product for task scheduling based on memory usage. Scheduling scheme based on co-operative multitasking, where preemption points are specified in each task, typically at points in task with low memory usage.

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2. claims: 7-13

Devices and method steps for evaluating whether system has enough memory to process the offered load and subsequent selection and (preemptive) suspension of memory intensive tasks.

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